

School Calendar Recommendations 2020-2021 School Year EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose of Report: To propose the 2020-21 Sioux Falls School District calendar for adoption as recommended by the District Calendar Committee.

The District Calendar Committee, comprised of parents, school board members, and staff from each employee group has developed the 2020-21 Calendar with all input given consideration.

Over 8,600 individual responses were received from two separate surveys. The majority were in favor of a short first week of school, a four-day Labor Day break, as well as starting the school year before Labor Day and ending school prior to Memorial Day.

From the survey results, community feedback, and additional information, the Calendar Committee agreed to make a tentative start date guideline of starting school with a two-day week, followed by a four-day week, and then a four-day Labor Day weekend. The Calendar Committee also agreed to tentatively work to conclude the school year prior to Memorial Day.

Administrative Recommendation to School Board: Approve the 2020-21 school year calendar based on the Calendar Committee's work and recommendation as detailed in the attachment.

SCHOOL CALENDAR RECOMMENDATIONS 2020-2021 School Year

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Priority Area 4: Community Engagement

Priority Statement 9: Sioux Falls School District will effectively engage with staff, families, partners, and community, to foster shared responsibility for student success.

Strategic Initiative 4.8-1: Gather feedback from all stakeholders.

Explanation: The following document contains the District Calendar Committee's recommended calendar for the 2020-2021 school year that is proposed for consideration of adoption by the Board.

2020-2021 School Year Calendar Committee Recommendation

Following an extensive community feedback process that received in excess of 11,000 community responses to establish the 2018-2019 school year calendar, the Calendar Committee utilized corresponding start dates for the 2019-2020 school year. For the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar creation, the Calendar Committee again sought out feedback from our community members, parents, teachers, and students, to guide our recommendations. The following data was collected from two separate surveys:

- Over 8,600 individual responses
- The majority were in favor of a short first week of school (76.5%)
- The majority were in favor of a four-day Labor Day break (66.3%)
- The majority wanted to start the school year prior to Labor Day (62.6%)
- The majority wanted to end the school year prior to Memorial Day (62.4%)

The committee also reviewed additional information and documentation to support our recommendation. This information included, but was not limited to, the start and end dates of local school districts that we share services with.

From the survey results, community feedback, and additional information, the Calendar Committee agreed to make a tentative start date guideline of starting school with a two (2) day week (Thursday and Friday), followed by a four (4) day week (Monday – Thursday), and then the four (4) day Labor Day weekend. The Calendar Committee also agreed to tentatively work to conclude the school year prior to Memorial Day weekend.

The committee then focused its attention on the calendar dates and activities within the start and end dates to better address student, staff, parent, and community interests.

The key considerations were:

- Native American Day and Martin Luther King Day
- Staff in-service dates

- Shorter breaks spread out over the calendar
- Minimizing missed staff and student days

The Calendar Committee recommended the following dates of significance based upon our review of stakeholder feedback and supporting information for the 2020-2021 School Calendar:

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| • August 27 | First Student Day |
| • October 12 | No School – Native American Day |
| • January 14 | End of the First Semester |
| • January 18 | No School (Inservice) – Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| • May 25 | Last Student Day |

Costs: N/A

Committee Participation: The calendar committee is comprised of 29 members that represent building administration, central administration, clerical, contract employees, custodians, custodial managers, educational assistants, human resources, informational technology services, Kids Inc., parents, school board members, SFEA, specialists, and teachers from each level.

Summary: The District Calendar Committee reviewed information submitted to the committee by the various groups represented on the committee and the survey feedback from our stakeholders. The Committee approved the following attached recommendation for the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar.

Administrative Recommendation: Approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar based on the Calendar Committee's work and recommendation as detailed in the attachment.

**SIoux FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL CALENDAR
2020-2021**

Committee Approved Calendar

JULY	T-DAYS	S-DAYS	NOVEMBER	T-DAYS	S-DAYS	MARCH	T-DAYS	S-DAYS
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If weather causes school closings, days will be made up at the end of the school year.

CALENDAR KEY	STUDENT DAYS	TEACHER DAYS
○ HOLIDAYS	1ST QTR ENDS October 28, 2020	New Teacher Contract
□ NO SCHOOL	2ND QTR ENDS January 14, 2021	Veteran Teacher Contract
△ INSERVICE - FULL DAY	3RD QTR ENDS March 24, 2021	
▽ COMPENSATORY DAY-No Classes	4TH QTR ENDS May 25, 2021	
☆ END OF QUARTER	In-Service/Conference Time	
★ INSERVICE - PARTIAL		
⬢ TEACHER WORK DAY		
⬢ EARLY DISMISSAL - ELEMENTARY		
⬢ LATE START - MIDDLE SCHOOL		

*New Teacher Induction Activities Begin TBD	Compensatory Day	November 25, 2020
First Day/New Staff	Thanksgiving Break	November 26-27, 2020
First Day/Veteran Staff	Holiday Break	December 23, 2020-January 1, 2021
District Planned Inservice	Teacher Work Day - No Classes	January 15, 2021
Staff Inservice	District Planned Inservice	
First Day for Students	All Levels Inservice - No Classes	January 18, 2021
Labor Day Break	President's Day Break	February 15-16, 2021
Labor Day	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences	
Non-school Day	Elementary	January 21, 25, 26 Evening
District Planned Inservice	Middle School	January 18 Afternoon
All Levels - No Classes	High School	February 23, 25, March 2 Evening
Fall Parent Teacher Conferences		February 8, 9 Evening
Elementary	Compensatory Day	March 15, 2021
Middle School	Building Planned Inservice	March 26, 2021
High School	EL - Early Dismissal	
Building Planned Inservice	MS - Late Start	
EL - Early Dismissal	Spring Break	April 2-5, 2021
MS - Late Start	Last Day for Students	May 25, 2021
Veteran's Day Observance	Teacher Work Day - No Classes	May 26, 2021
	Graduation	May 30, 2021

HS Parent Student Teacher Session (PST)
Gr 9 - 12 - Evening - TBD

MS Parent Student Teacher Session (PST)
Gr 6-8 - Afternoon & Evening - TBD

ELEM Open House
Gr K-5 - date TBD

November 6, 2020 & March 26, 2021 - Inservice
Elementary - Early Dismissal 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Middle School - Late Start 10:55 am to 3:45 pm

HS Semester Test Days
7:30 am to 12:30 pm
January 13-14, 2021
May 24-25, 2021
NTHS 8:00 am to 11:45 am

Graduation
NTHS - 11:00 am
WHS - 1:00 pm
LHS - 4:00 pm
RHS - 7:00 pm